

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

2nd Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Hearing Room - 8th Floor

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

1. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on January 13, 2009.

2. Advisory Opinions.

A. Mary Eva Tudino, a staff attorney with the Rhode Island Family

Court, Office of the Court Appointed Special Advocate, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from serving as a mediator for private parties going through divorce proceedings before the Family Court.

B. Lawrence G. Anderson, the Town Moderator for the Town of Little Compton, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from appearing on behalf of the Sakonnet Preservation Association and the Tiverton Land Trust before various municipal entities and persons in the Towns of Tiverton, Newport, and Little Compton.

C. Judge F. Monroe Allen, the Town of Smithfield Probate Court Judge, who is also an attorney in private practice, requests an advisory opinion as to whether he may file an Affidavit of Complete Administration with the Smithfield Probate Court.

D. Maxine Cavanagh, a member of the Smithfield Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding what prohibitions the Code of Ethics places on her in matters involving the Smithfield Land Trust's purchase of a conservation easement on property owned by her and her husband.

E. Barbara Rich, a member of the Smithfield Land Trust, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she must recuse from matters before the Land Trust concerning the purchase of a conservation

easement from Maxine Cavanagh, given that Councilwoman Cavanagh was a member of the Smithfield Town Council when she was appointed to the Land Trust.

F. Cheryl Iannotti, a member of the Smithfield Land Trust, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she must recuse from matters before the Land Trust concerning the purchase of a conservation easement from Maxine Cavanagh, given that Councilwoman Cavanagh was a member of the Smithfield Town Council when she was appointed to the Land Trust.

G. M. Theresa Santos, a member of the Middletown Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she must recuse from her duties as a Town Council member when matters concerning the Middletown Historical Society come before the Town Council, given that she is the Treasurer of the Historical Society.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on January 13, 2009.

**b.) In re: Frank Hyde,
Complaint No. 2008-5**

**c.) In re: Patrick Sullivan,
Complaint No. 2008-8**

**d.) William V. Irons v. The Rhode Island Ethics Commission, No.
2008-335-M.P. and 2009-01-M.P.**

**e.) Jason E. Ferrell v. Frank Caprio, Jr., et al.,
U.S. District Court C.A. No.08-378S**

f.) Motion to return to Open Session.

**4. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on
February 10, 2009.**

5. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

6. Legislative Update.

7. Education Update.

8. Director's Report.

9. New Business.

10. Adjournment.

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